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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the Declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the assassination of three members of the Bulgarian military contingent of UNTAC on 2 April 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jordan LOZANOV
Deputy Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Bulgaria to the
United Nations

Annex

DECLARATION

by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the assassination of three members of the Bulgarian military contingent of UNTAC on 2 April 1993

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria strongly condemns the deliberate armed attacks against the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia. As a result of a cold-blooded execution in the night of 2 April 1993 in the region of Phum Prek, Kompong Speu Province, three Bulgarian soldiers were killed and three others were seriously wounded. These bandit attacks were committed by units of the Khmer Rouge.

It was with deep sorrow and indignation that the Bulgarian public learned about the tragic death of the Bulgarian "Blue Helmets" in Cambodia. It expresses its serious concern at the escalation of the tension in this country with the approaching of the general elections to be held in pursuance of the Paris Agreements of 23 October 1991.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria calls upon the Co-chairmen of the Paris Conference, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the participating States, the Supreme National Council of Cambodia and the four factions in Cambodia that the hostilities in the country be ceased immediately. The premeditated and cruel assassination of the Bulgarian "Blue Helmets" is a sinister provocation against the humane goals of the United Nations peace-keeping operations. All the more so, when such armed attacks are committed on the eve of the United Nations Secretary-General's visit to Cambodia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its full support for the statement by the President of the Security Council of 5 April 1993 and reaffirms the readiness of the Republic of Bulgaria to further contribute to the implementation of the noble cause of UNTAC.

Sofia, 6 April 1993